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Chap. 6 Sec. 1-Liberty Church - Greenbank

Records of Session and Church of the "Head of
Greenbrier".

Bath County, Virginia. June 20, 1820.

Union Church of Christ in Bath County, Virginia, now
Pocahontas, convened at the house of Mr. Joseph Wooddell,
to consult the interest of the church and to revive it, if
thought adviseable. Present of the former members of the
church: Daniel Kerr, James Cooper, Jacob Gillispie, Nancy
Kerr, Nancy Cooper and Martha Gillispie.

Upon request of Mr. Joseph Wooddell, he was by their
unanimous vote, received again to full communion: Mr. Jos.
Wooddell and Mr. Daniel Kerr, and they consented to act
still in their former capacity of ruling Elders.

July 16, 1820

Mrs Elizabeth Hudson was received into full communion
and Mr. James Wooddell and Mr. Jacob Burner were received
to occasional communion.

June 30, 1821

Robert Kerr and Elizabeth Kerr received to full
communion and Andrew Lines to occasional.

Sept. 2, 1822

Mrs Sarah Yeager and Mrs. Priscilla Wooddell re-
ceived into full communion and Mrs. Anna Curry and Miss
Edith Curry to occasional communion. Mr. Benj. Tellman
was unanimously elected a ruling Elder.

Sept. 8, 1822

The preceeding are the records of the session during

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the labors of the Rev. Aretas Loomis.

Besides the proceedings, there are recorded the following baptisms:

June 13, 1819 -- John Daniel, son of Thomas Bradshaw

June 17, 1819 -- Eliza, daughter of James Cooper

June 20, 1819 -- Polly Kirkpatrick, daughter of Robert Kerr

Dec. 5, 1819 -- Rachel Primrose, daughter of Jacob Gillispie

Besides these there were nine other infant baptisms in 1820.

There is a note in the Session Book; This is the only record of this church that can be found from the year 1822-1831.

Year of 1832.

CHURCH REGISTER

Ruling Elders

(Joseph Wooddell
(Daniel Kerr
(Benj. Tallman
(Boon Tallman
(A. G. Mathews
(Robert D. McCutcheon

Members who had belonged to the church up to this time:

James Cooper	Mrs. Mary Tallman
Nancy Cooper	Wm. Givens
John Slavens	Mrs. Givens
Richard Hudson	Mary Mathews
Nancy Hudson	Solomon Conrad
John Yeager	Mrs. Conrad
Thomas Bradshaw	Wm. Arbogast
Nancy Bradshaw	Jane Arbogast
Jane Gammon	Mrs. Jane Dysart
Robert Kerr	Mrs. Ann Bruffey
Eliza Ann Kerr	James H. Cooper
William Slavens	Polly Kerr
Margaret Slavens	Wm. Gibson
Robert D. McCutcheon	Isabella Gibson
Elizabeth McCutcheon	Mahala McElwee
Margaret Ruckman	James A. Price
Hugh McLaughlin	Margaret D. Price
Andrew G. Mathews	Mrs. Ann Sharp
Boon Tallman	

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Miss Shirat
 John White
 Mrs. White
 Edward Ervine
 Mrs. Ervine
 Mr. Gay
 Mrs. Gay
 Andrew A. Gatewood
 Henry M. Moffett
 Paul McNeel
 Ophelia Beal
 Robert Curry
 John McElwee
 John Moore
 Benj. F. Irvine
 James W. Gillispie
 James T. Hartman
 James A. Irvin
 John T. Cooper
 Marcus Williams
 John Gifford
 Adam Kerr
 Nancy McGloughlin
 Elizabeth D. Potts
 Jane McGloughlin
 Margaret Hartman
 Margaret Sharp
 Mezziah Hudson
 Mary A. Irvin
 Susan Nottingham
 Jane Sheets

Nancy Hartman
 Rachel Dysart
 Delila Wimbrenner
 Mary Wimbrenner
 William Dysart
 John Potts
 Elizabeth Potts
 Samuel Potts
 Jane Potts
 Abraham Hull, a colored man

I have spelled these names exactly as they were spelled on the old Session Book. Of course some of these had died and some had moved to other churches.

In the old Session Book is the following note:

In explanation of the foregoing records, it is proper to remark that they are put down as they were found on several pieces of loose paper. Some meetings of the session perhaps were never recorded, or were lost, so that nothing definitely is known on the subject. Those that are recorded seem to have been made during the labors of Rev. Aretas Loomis, James Kerr and John S. Blain.

It seems that Mr. Loomis was not in the habit of inviting the members of other churches to commune unless they first came before the session and stood an examination.

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When this was done, they were received to "occasional communion". This serves to explain why some were received in this way and not so the members of the church.

Joseph Brown, transcriber.

Sept. 22, 1844

The session convened at Dear Creek Union Church and was opened in prayer by Rev. Thomas.

Aug. 11, 1850

Elected Ruling Elders: Thomas Kerr, David W. Kerr, Robert D. McCutcheon.

March 16, 1851

Session convened at Mrs. Arbogast's and was opened with prayer by the Rev. L. Emerson. Session resolved that Presbytery be invited to hold its fall session at the new church that is now in its building.

June 15, 1851

Session convened at the new church that is now in building.

Nov. 4, 1855

Session opened by Rev. E. Thomas. Mr. Thomas advised the session that as the congregation has no pastor or stated supply, that they have prayer meeting and Sabbath school each Sabbath day.

Oct. 30, 1858

First meeting of Greenbrier Presbytery in this place with this congregation.

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Aug. 21, 1859

A number of the members of Liberty Church, living near Baxter Church petitioned Greenbrier Presbytery last spring to be organized into a church at Baxter and Presbytery granted their request and made the necessary arrangements for the organization of the church at Baxter. The session transferred the following members from Liberty Church to be organized into a church at Baxter:

Robert D. McCutcheon) Elders
Robert Curry)

- Elizabeth McCutcheon
- Nancy McGloughlin
- Samuel H. McCutcheon
- Christiana Jane McCutcheon
- Elizabeth E. Curry
- Caroline R. Nottingham
- Nancy C. McCutcheon
- Matilda G. Craig
- Caroline E. Warwick
- John B. McCutcheon
- Wm. A. G. McCutcheon
- Robert L. McCutcheon
- Elizabeth E. McCutcheon
- Mary Jane McGloughlin

Dec. 4, 1859

A collection was taken for domestic missions amounting to \$3.10.

May 21, 1861

A collection was taken for the Board of Education amounting to \$2.45.

June 22, 1862

A collection was taken for missions among the Southern Indians amounting to \$3.50.

Oct. 28, 1862

A collection was taken up to aid the Confederate

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Bible Society amounting to \$4.70.

From 1862 to 1866 there is no record.

November 1871

Elders elected: Peter H. Claven, Wm. L. Brown,
and Jacob Bible.

Aug. 18, 1872

A public collection was taken up today for the cause
of sustentation, amounting to \$4.50

Mar. 30, 1873

A public collection was taken up today for the cause of
Foreign missions, amounting to \$2.35.

July 19, 1874

A Sacramental meeting was held in Liberty Church today
by the pastor and the Revs. Messrs. Laird and Price from
the Lexington Presbytery.

Oct 10, 1875

It was reported that the salary to the pastor was
all paid.

1st Sabbath in Sept. 1888

Session met and elected trustees for the church, the
former trustees having died. The following were elected:
J. P. Moomau, Geo. W. Kerr, Uriah Hevener, Chas. A. Lightner
and Wm. L. Brown.

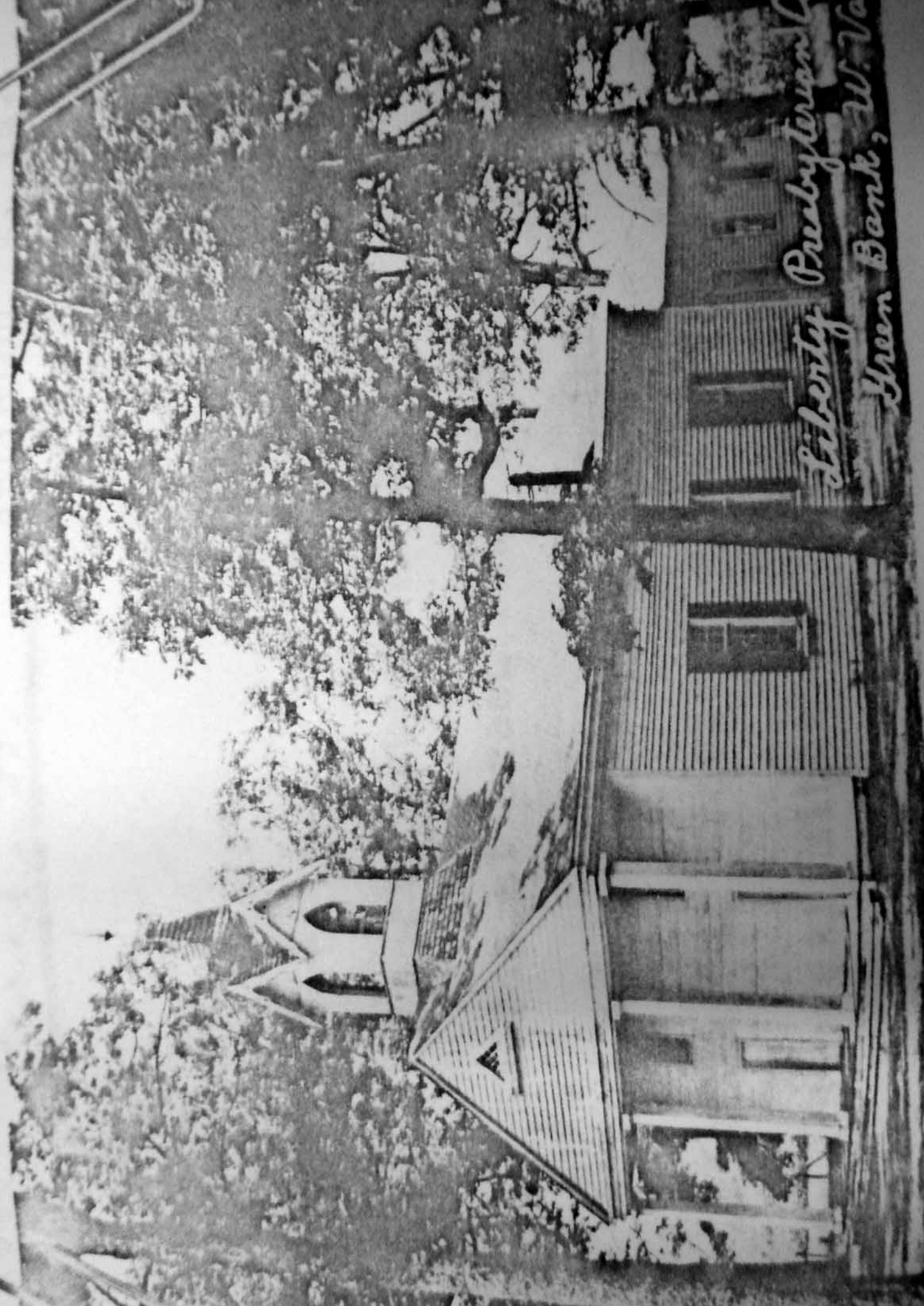
Aug. 14, 1891

Dr. J. P. Moomau and Dr. C. S. Austin were unanimously
elected Ruling Elders.

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W. L. Brown)		Zack Nottingham
C. B. Hannsh)	Elders	Mrs. Zack Nottingham
J. P. Moomau)		Robt. W. Gum
C. S. Austin)		Jno. R. Gum
Geo. W. Kerr)	Deacons	Henry S. Cooper
C. A. Lightner)		Austin Lightner
Phoebe Phillips		Wm. H. Gum
Mary W. Wooddell		Lucy C. Moomau
Jane E. Curry		Mattie M. Austin
Polly K. Ervin		Boon Moomau
Minerva J. Kerr		J. W. H. Siple
Addie E. Brown		Anna M. Lightner
Preston C. Ervin		Grace H. Ralston
Nannie J. Moomau		Anna Gum
Uriah Hevener		Isabel Brown
James D. Kerr		Anna L. Hannah
Lizzie Hannah		Maggie L. Gum
Flora C. Moomau		David Bright
Wm. B. Wooddell		Cora Ervin
Mary M. Moomau		Mary Conrad
Ida L. Brown		Cora Conrad
Mary M. Brown		Maggie Gum
M. Grace Hevener		Sarah Brown
Vesta Kerr		W. R. Brown
John W. Logan		Wash Ray
Mattie Hevener		J. P. Hamilton
Mrs. C. A. Lightner		Robt. J. Brown
Mrs. Jane Warwick		Wallace Sutton
Mrs. Jno. Ralston		Henry Brown
Nannie Warwick		Robt. L. Brown
Mary Warwick		Filden Brown
Laban H. Wilfong		Samuel Hannah
Mary E. Wilfong		Hevener Hannah
Lillian E. Moomau		Pearl L. Brown
Rube M. Ralston		Marian Ray
Mary E. Kerr		Minnie Ray
Odessa H. Kerr		O. W. Ruckman
Samuel J. Sutton		Hiram Wooddell
Maggie T. Kerr		Clawdie J. W. Brown
Ruberta Gum		Mrs. Hulda Wooddell
Laura Kerr		Mrs. Marian Ray
John R. Hevener		Mrs. Nancy Galford
M. B. Trainer		Allen Galford
Alla Trainer		Mrs. Robt. J. Brown
Nennie Ray		Thos. S. Patterson
Geo. Hannah		Maggie L. Ervin
Blanche Gum		Pattie Hannah



*Liberty Presbyterian
Green Bank, W. Va.*



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LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - Greenbank, W. Va.

Organized 1804 - Church built in 1851.

Chapter 6 - Section 1

Liberty Church (1804)

Liberty Church at Greenbank, first known as "Head of Greenbrier" (then in Bath County, Virginia) was organized in 1804. This church traces its origin to the labors of Aretas Loomis, pioneer minister in the Tygart's Valley region, and there is a record of the Rev. John McCue's having visited "Head of Greenbrier" during his ministry in the Lewisburg and Union Churches in 1783-1791.

The new church was built and dedicated Oct. 11, 1851. Dedication sermon was preached by the Rev. B. M. Smith, from the 122 Psalm and first verse.

There is no record of regular pastorate in Liberty Church before 1860, but sessional records indicate occasional services by visiting ministers, among whom are named: Rev. L. Emerson, Rev. Calvin Barr, Rev. Henry Brown, Rev. M. D. Dunlap, Rev. M. L. Lacy and Rev. C. C. See.

Roll of ministers of Liberty Church:

R. P. Kennedy	1860-1866
David Sydenstricker	1872-1873
A. H. Hamilton	1874-1875
J. H. McCown	1878-1871
Wm. T. Price	1888-1890
B. A. Pendleton (Supply)	1891
John V. McCall (Supply)	1892
E. F. Alexander	1893-1895
R. M. Caldwell	1896-1899
Henry W. McLaughlin	1900-1903

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ASA Watkins (Supply)	1903-1904
R. E. Fultz	1904-1906
W. W. Bain	1907-1910
J. S. Kennison	1910-1913
L. H. Lancaster (Supply)	1913-1914
H. H. Leach (Supply)	1915
L. A. Kelly	1916-1917
J. M. Sydenstricker (Supply)	1918
D. McD. Monroe	1919-1924
George W. Mauze (Supply)	1926-1928
D. McD. Monroe	1919-1937
A. B. Williford	1938-present

"Head of Greenbrier" was one of the original churches of the Greenbrier Presbytery at the time of the Presbytery's organization in 1336, and the church was organized by Lexington Presbytery. This old church has a fine record of service through the years.

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